

Assembly Bill No. 1076

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CHAPTER _____

An act to amend Section 51221.4 of the Education Code, relating to curriculum.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1076, Jerome Horton. Curriculum: social science.

Under existing law, the adopted course of study for grades 7 to 12, inclusive, is required to include instruction in social science, as prescribed. Existing law expresses the encouragement of the Legislature for that instruction to contain instruction on the Vietnam War, including the “Secret War” in Laos, and the role of Southeast Asians in that war. Existing law additionally expresses the encouragement of the Legislature that the instruction include a component drawn from personal testimony of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam War and those who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. Existing law specifies that this instruction shall be carried out in a manner that does not result in any new duties or programs imposed on school districts.

This bill would extend that authority to instruction on World War II, and the role of Filipinos in that war.

This bill would make additional, nonsubstantive changes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 51221.4 of the Education Code is amended to read:

51221.4. (a) The Legislature encourages instruction in the area of social science, as required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220, which may include instruction on the Vietnam War including the “Secret War” in Laos and the role of Southeast Asians in that war. The Legislature encourages that this instruction include, but not be limited to, a component drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video histories of Southeast Asians who were involved in the Vietnam War and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The oral histories used as a part of the

instruction regarding the role of Southeast Asians in the Vietnam War and the “Secret War” in Laos shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and provide intelligence for the United States. The oral histories shall contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for their participation in the war. These oral histories shall also solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the war and the immigration of Southeast Asians to the United States.

(b) The instruction required pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 51220 also may include instruction on World War II and the role of Filipinos in that war. The Legislature encourages that this instruction include a component drawn from personal testimony, especially in the form of oral or video histories of Filipinos who were involved in World War II and those men and women who contributed to the war effort on the homefront. The oral histories used as a part of the instruction regarding the role of Filipinos in World War II shall exemplify the personal sacrifice and courage of the wide range of ordinary citizens who were called upon to participate and to provide intelligence for the United States. The oral histories shall contain the views and comments of their subjects regarding the reasons for their participation in the war. These oral histories shall also solicit comments from their subjects regarding the aftermath of the war and the immigration of Filipinos to the United States.

(c) This section shall be carried out in a manner that does not result in any new duties or programs being imposed on the school district. In that regard, the Legislature finds and declares that this section does not mandate costs to local agencies or school districts and materials used to comply with this section shall be part of normal curriculum materials purchased by school districts in their normal course of business and purchasing cycles.

Approved _____, 2006

Governor